



PROGRESS REPORT



Mundell homestead among earliest properties *Hobart -- History*

The accompanying photo shows the Mundell homestead, circa 1888. The original log cabin, built about 1837, is on the left.

Seated at left is Joseph Mundell, born Oct. 13, 1800 in Greene County, Pa., and died Aug. 20, 1888 in Hobart. Standing next to Joseph is his youngest son, James, born Feb. 28, 1844 in Hobart and died Dec. 12, 1918, also in Hobart. Seated to James' right is his mother and Joseph's wife, Amanda Malvina Sigler Mundell, born Aug. 13, 1813 in Hampshire County, (W.) Virginia, died April 28, 1890 in Hobart. Next to her is James' wife, Mary Knothe Mundell, born Jan. 20, 1853, probably in Chicago, and died Sept. 21, 1931 in Hobart. Amanda is holding James and Mary's daughter, Edna, born Oct. 16, 1886 in Hobart and died Aug. 20, 1937 in Hobart. The small boy is the son of James and Mary, Joseph M. Mundell, born April 17, 1883 in Hobart and died Dec. 3, 1965, also in Hobart.

Not long after this photo was taken, an addition to built, completely enclosing the log cabin in its walls. Mary lived in the house until the 1920s, when she built a new Sears house next door. (The Sears house is still standing, at the corner of

Delaware Street and Old Ridge Road.)

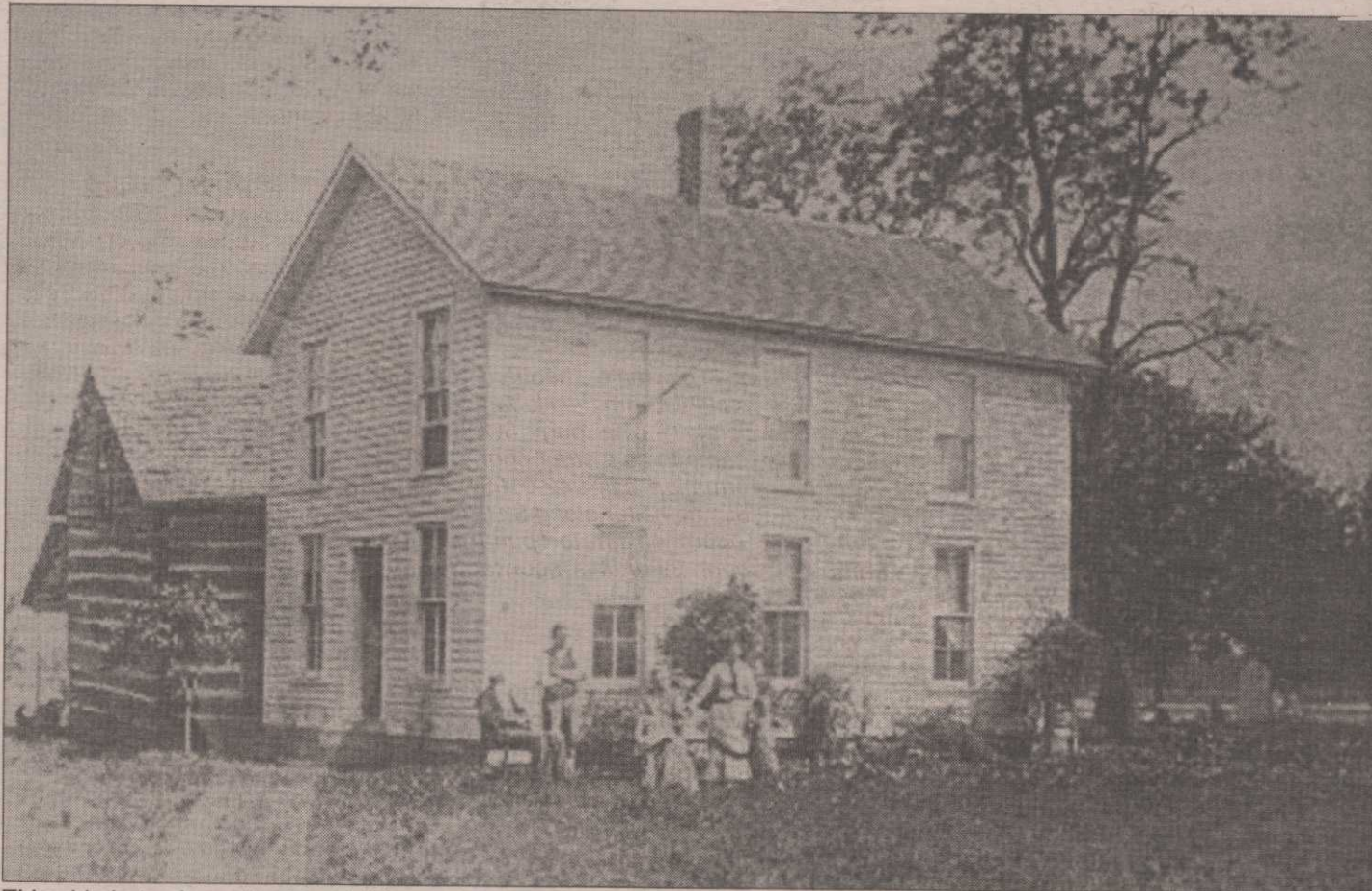
The homestead was sold to the Parks family. After Mrs. Parks died in the late 1970s, it was purchased by a local businessman, who razed the house, hoping that he could get the property rezoned for

commercial use. That failed, but several years later WiseWay bought both the vacant property and the brick house east of it, tore down the brick house, and the two lots became the west end of the WiseWay parking lot.

Several of Joseph and Amanda's

descendants still live on the original land grant: great-great-great-granddaughter Eleanora Courtwright on Colorado Street and great-great-great-granddaughter and great-great-great-grandson Ryane and Kyle Norris on California Street.

(Submitted by Nancy Norris)



This old photo shows the Mundell homestead along Old Ridge Road, circa late 1880s.

MORE ON FLY TOX--Just what is Fly Tox? We asked that question and got one response. Then we got a response in response to that first response. The first caller said Fly Tox was a kerosene-type substance taken internally to fight diphtheria. Last week a second caller said it was put into tanks and used as a bug spray. Next week, who knows?